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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT STATEMENTS: PRESIDENT LEONE'S
REMARKS AT DEPARTURE CEREMONIES

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE COMPLETE TEXT (AS REPORTED BY THE
ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY ANSA AND AS INFORMALLY TRANSLATED BY
THE EMBASSY) OF PRESIDENT LEONE'S REMARKS TO PRESIDENT
FORD DURING DEPARTURE CEREMONIES AT LEONARDO DA VINCI
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(FIUMICINO) AIRPORT ON JUNE 3, 1975:

2. "MR. PRESIDENT, AT THIS MOMENT OF LEAVE-TAKING I WANT TO REPEAT TO YOU AND TO MRS. FORD THE SATISFACTION THIS NEW OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HAS GIVEN US. THE INTENSE AND FRUITFUL TALKS WHICH I, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MORO, FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE HAD WITH YOU AND WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAVE AGAIN CONFIRMED THE FRIENDLY, CONSTRUCTIVE AND STRONG SPIRIT WITH WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES FACE PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST, BE THEY BILATERAL OR MORE GENERAL.

"YOUR EUROPEAN TRIP, HAPPILY INCLUDING THIS BRIEF STOP IN ROME, HAS BEEN OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. IN PARTICULAR, THE BRUSSELS SUMMIT DEMONSTRATED THE VITALITY OF THE ALLIANCE, GUARANTOR OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF DETENTE AND PEACE.

"OUR TALKS TODAY HAVE CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF FULL AGREEMENT OF VIEWS ON THIS ESSENTIAL POINT, AND A MUTUAL DESIRE TO SEE RESOLVED THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING PEACE AND POLITICO-ECONOMIC STABILITY IN EUROPE AND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, PARTICULARLY ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH HAVE THE GLOBAL DIMENSIONS CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR EPOCH.

" I THANK YOU FOR THE COURTEOUS WORDS THAT YOU HAVE PRONOUNCED CONCERNING OUR SINCERE WARM WELCOME, AND FOR YOUR NOBLE WORDS REGARDING OUR COUNTRY. IN THANKING YOU ALSO FOR THE COMMITMENT SHOWN TO US, I EXTEND MY BEST WISHES FOR THE PURSUIT OF OUR COLLABORATION AND FOR YOUR ENLIGHTENED WORK AS THE HEAD OF THE GREAT AMERICAN NATION."VOLPE

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